

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Hiroki MOTOSUNA, et al. :  
Serial No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
Filed: April 24, 2001 : Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESSES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 15, please replace the fifth, sixth, and seventh full paragraphs with the following new paragraphs:**

Figs. 35A-D are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the weighted search.

Figs. 36A-C are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the recency, intensification, and the improvement of an object, respectively.

Figs. 37A-B are exemplary diagrams showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the past performance records and an evaluation an object, respectively.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of the above amendments are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification was amended as follows:**

**Page 15, the fifth, sixth, and seventh full paragraphs were amended as follows:**

Figs. 35A-D are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 35 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the weighted search.

Figs. 36A-C are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 36 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the recency, intensification, and the improvement of an object, respectively.

Figs. 37A-B are exemplary diagrams [Fig. 37 is an exemplary diagram] showing a method of the condition correspondence weight, which makes the past performance records and an evaluation an object, respectively.